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Statement of Wong Pan Sze ( ), 24 years of age.  
Native of Nanking, living at Kiu Erh Yuen No. 40 ( ).

At the time the Japanese entered the city on Dec. 13, 1937, I and my father and my sister had already removed to live in a house on Shanghai Road No. 100 which was in the refugee zone. There were about 500 persons living in that house, and I often saw the Japs come to the house asking and searching for women. On one occasion one woman was raped in the open yard. This happened in the night, and all of us could hear her cry while she was being raped. But when the Japs left we could not find her, they had taken her away with them. Twice I saw the Japs truck come to the house and round up women living at the house. These women were taken away by the Japs and none of them returned with the exception of one girl who managed to get back home after having been raped by the Japs and she told me that all the girls who had been taken in the truck had been raped many times by the Japs, one after the other. This one girl who managed to get back to the house told me that she had seen one other girl raped and after being raped the Japs stuck weeds into her vagina and the girl had died from this treatment. At this time I was about 15 years of age. I hid every time a Jap came near the house, and that is why the Japs never caught me.

My grandmother and my three uncles were living in a mat shed not far from the place where I lived on Shanghai Road. On about the 16th of January 1937, at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon I went over to see my grandmother in the mat shed. While I was there, three Jap soldiers came and took away one woman from the shed. This woman had been living in the same mat shed with her husband and mother-in-law. The husband followed them trying to stop them the Japs grabbed him, stuck wire thru his nose and then tied the other end of the wire to a tree, just like one would tie up a bull. The Japs then bayoneted this man many places over the body. This man's mother also came out and rolled on the ground crying, the Japs did not like this so they continued to bayonet the son. They told the mother to go into the house or they would kill her. The son died from his wounds on the spot. I saw it all as I was standing in the door watching the whole affair.

This statement was translated to me in Chinese by Henry Chiu and it is correct.

Signed by

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Witnessed by  
John J. Crowley /s/  
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